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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

*Yen Choo et al.*

Application No.: 09/646,353

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PROTEINS

Examiner: Teresa D. Wessendorf

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.